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With the legislature now in its fifth week and none of its big problems any way near solution predictions are being freely made that the session will run at least 50 days and some offering to bet that it will be nearer the 60th day before the lawmakers adjourn and depart for their several homes.

Much criticism is heard about the capitol corridors over the delay in bringing out the big bills. This criticism is not directed at the legislators but at outside groups and state departments interested in special legislation and which are sponsoring measures they want acted on at this session.

The interim commission on state and local revenues, for instance, has only just released its findings and recommendations. Appointed under authority of a resolution passed by the 1937 session this commission was supposed to make a study of the revenue situation and to bring in a report for the guidance of this session. This report should have been in the hands of the legislators before the session convened in order that the lawmakers might have opportunity to study its contents and to act with some degree of intelligence upon its recommendations. Instead of that it was not made available until the 25th day of the session at a time when all the other big problems are crowding to the front and demanding attention.

The education bills, likewise, have been unaccountably delayed in their appearance. Sponsored jointly by the State Teachers Association and the State Department of Education and some of them at least bearing the blessing of the administration, these proposed reforms have been under consideration for months and in justice to the legislators who will soon be sojourning in Salem at their own expense, should have been introduced much earlier in the session.

The public power group, likewise, has added to the chaos and confusion of the closing weeks of the session by withholding the debut of its PUD child until the fourth week of the session was well under way. While the excuse of this group for their tardiness is that they wanted to iron out some of the rough edges in their program it is admitted that this objective was not attained and that the measure introduced into the senate hopper is no nearer perfection than it was a month ago.

Otherwise the session is far ahead of previous sessions in its record of performance. More bills have been introduced and a larger percentage of those introduced have been disposed of than was the case in the 1937 session so that if the session drags out for 50 or 60 days the blame, if any, should be placed on the procrastinating sponsors of these big bills and not on the lawmakers themselves most of whom are anxious to adjourn just as quick as they can decently do so.

A gross income tax ranging from one-fourth of one percent on wholesalers and manufacturers up to two per cent on retail businesses was recommended by the interim commission on state and local revenues in its report released this week. Revenues from such a tax, estimated at \$6,500,000 a year would go toward support of the social security program, with the counties sharing in its apportionment to the end that property levies might be proportionately reduced. Other recommendations, in the report of the interim commission include a property tax on automobiles, better equalization of school taxes, tax conservation and supervising boards for the several counties, administration of public assistance through a state public welfare commission, consolidation of the offices of county assessor and tax collector, and state assessment of timber lands.

Rumors of a complete reorganization of the state highway commission are current about the capitol. Governor Sprague has already indicated that he intends to appoint Herman Oliver of John Day to succeed E. B. Aldrich of Pendleton when the latter resigns as he is expected to do soon. Earl B. Day county judge of Jackson county is now understood to be the governor's choice as successor to F. L. Continued on Page Two

**COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY TERM, 1939.**  
February 1, 1939 being the time for the regular term of Court of Sherman County in the State of Oregon, the Honorable County Court did meet in the County Court room at Moro at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The following were present: Geo. A. Potter, Judge; David Reid, County Commissioner; J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner; T. Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney; Joe Truitt, County Clerk.

The following proceedings were had at said term of court:  
Re: County Clerk's annual report. Accepted and filed.  
Re: County Treasurer's monthly report. Accepted and filed.

County Clerk instructed to issue a warrant for \$500.00 to the County Fair Board. The \$500.00 being advanced money on the 1939 budget.

In the matter of the payment of claims presented against the General Fund. Bills allowed and ordered paid.

In the matter of claims presented against the Road Fund. Bills allowed and ordered paid.  
Re: Petition of E. F. Sharp to close Rattle Snake Road. The Court deferred action to a later date.

In the matter of the designation of a newspaper for the publication of summons re: delinquent tax foreclosure suit. Order signed by County Court designating the Sherman County Journal.

Court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.

**CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE ROAD FUND, FEBRUARY TERM, 1939.**

| Claimant                           | Account | Amount   |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Rev. Burnett, Rent of truck        |         | \$180.00 |
| J. L. Peetz, Road master           |         | 72.75    |
| K. Dunlap, Road labor              |         | 51.80    |
| E. McPherson, road labor           |         | 56.00    |
| C. Bargenholt, road labor          |         | 54.20    |
| E. Yocum, road labor               |         | 57.00    |
| C. Hering, road labor              |         | 49.00    |
| W. Kelly, road labor               |         | 42.50    |
| G. Wallace, road labor             |         | 43.50    |
| A. Shearer, road labor             |         | 37.00    |
| V. Guyton, road labor              |         | 41.00    |
| G. L. Thompson, road labor         |         | 11.20    |
| C. Young, road labor               |         | .90      |
| L. L. Peetz, road master's expense |         | 10.20    |
| L. L. Peetz, Road master           |         | 87.87    |
| K. Dunlap, road labor              |         | 58.40    |
| E. McPherson, road labor           |         | 68.00    |
| C. Bargenholt, road labor          |         | 75.70    |
| E. Yocum, road labor               |         | 52.00    |
| C. Hering, road labor              |         | 47.50    |
| W. Kelly, road labor               |         | 34.00    |
| G. Wallace, road labor             |         | 47.00    |
| A. Shearer, road labor             |         | 47.00    |
| G. L. Thompson, road labor         |         | 27.00    |

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|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Loggers & Contractors, Road machine supplies      | 93.57   |
| Beall Pipe & Tank Corp., Road supplies            | 428.58  |
| Oregon Culvert & Pipe Co., road supplies          | 29.84   |
| Howard Cooper Corp., road supplies                | 85.52   |
| O. Meara Supply & Imp. Co., road supplies         | 138.13  |
| Pacific Power & Light Co., Lights in machine shed | 1.25    |
| J. E. Norton, road supplies                       | 2.95    |
| George Wilde Garage, road supplies                | 22.35   |
| W. G. Armsworthy, road supplies                   | 63.40   |
| Peenaughty Machinery Co., road supplies           | 30.27   |
| Standard Oil Co., Gasoline                        | 242.14  |
| National Hospital Ass'n protection                | 20.40   |
| State Indus. Accident Comm. Protection            | 24.06   |
| J. K. McKean, road supplies                       | 123.03  |
| Mrs. C. M. Snider, rent of machine shed           | 6.00    |
| Mrs. David Fulton, Gravel                         | 6.00    |
| Roy Barnett, freight                              | 37.09   |
| Roy Barnett, rent of truck                        | 90.00   |
| Rogers Construction Co., crush gravel             | 3103.20 |

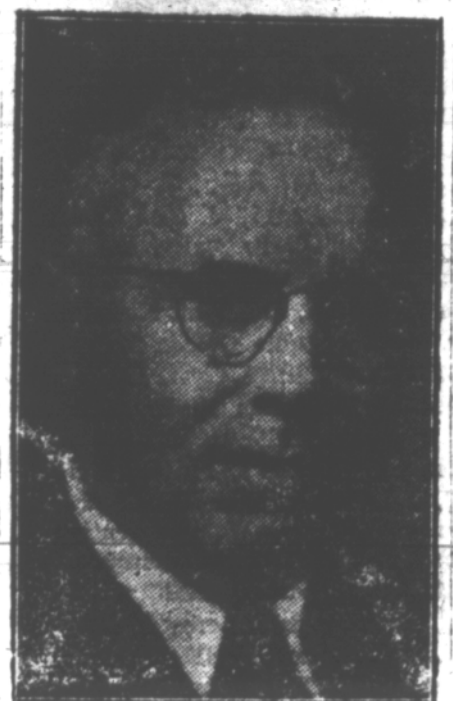
**CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, FEBRUARY TERM, 1939.**

| Claimant                                                                  | Account | Amount   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Inland Empire Waterway's Ass'n, 1939 Budget item                          |         | \$200.00 |
| Oregon State Agricultural College, one half of County Agent's Budget item |         | 850.00   |
| First National Bank General Assistance                                    |         | 223.94   |
| Aid to dependent children                                                 |         | 14.98    |
| Old Age Assistance                                                        |         | 206.85   |
| Blind Assistance                                                          |         | 5.78     |

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|----------------------------------------|-------|
| West Publishing Co., Law library       | 25.00 |
| Bancroft Whitney Co., law library      | 25.00 |
| American Law Book Co., Law library     | 50.00 |
| Shepard's Citations, Law library       | 25.00 |
| Geo. A. Potter, Judge's salary         | 37.50 |
| David Reid, County Commissioner's Fees | 37.25 |
| T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney   |       |

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## To Speak



R. M. EVANS

Saturday, February 11 at 2 p. m. in the Vert Memorial in Pendleton 1500 Oregon farmers are meeting with Mr. R. M. Evans, Administrator of the AAA program for the purpose of discussing problems affecting the wheat producers in this area. Mr. Evans will discuss the national and world wheat situation with those in attendance and in addition will meet with the county committee members following the meeting to assist them in solving any problems which may at the present time be confronting them. This is the first time that Oregon farmers have had an opportunity to meet the administrator of the AAA, however in the past they have in a number of occasions met and discussed their problems with the administrator of the Western Region. Mr. R. M. Evans is the successor to Mr. Tulley who was the administrator prior to Mr. Evans' appointment.

In addition to this change in administrators the Western Region administrator, Mr. George Ferrell was replaced recently by Mr. C. C. Conson and with this change Mr. N. E. Dodd, formerly chairman of the Oregon state AAA committee was appointed by Mr. Conson's assistant for the Western Region. Mr. Dodd will be in attendance at the Pendleton meeting and will also take part in the discussions which occur.

## Land-Use Committee To Meet Feb. 15

February 15th at 1:30 p. m., the county land use sub-committee will meet at the county agent's office with Mr. Fred Entermille, state land use representative. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss various features of land use activities which are applicable to Sherman county. These plans will be worked out, using such features of the 1939 AAA program which when applied will facilitate such land use plans as may be recommended by the local committee.

In addition to Mr. Entermille, a member of the state AAA committee will also attend the meeting and assist local committee members in formulating such plans as will effectively help to control erosion and increase the efficiency of land use in Sherman county.

## Bangs Testing Should Be Done Soon

Dr. L. L. Taylor of the Bureau of Animal Industry, in cooperation with the county agent's office is very desirous of completing the Bangs disease testing now going on in Sherman county, prior to May 1st. After May 1, federal indemnities for reactors will be discontinued if the State of Oregon and Sherman county fail to cooperate.

Under this program after May 1 the indemnity payment to breeders will be based on one-third county, one-third state and one-third federal government. Sherman county farmers who desire a test of their herds under the present set-up and have not been tested should notify the county agent's office immediately.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT COLDEST

Last night residents of Sherman county experienced the coldest night of the winter with the thermometer registering 5 degrees above Wednesday night. Light snow fell most of Thursday with no relief in sight for a rise in temperature.

## Woman's Club Entertains Husbands

The Moro Woman's Club entertained their husbands the evening of February 3rd, at the I. O. O. F. hall.

The president, Mrs. M. G. Melzer, welcomed the guests and presented the director for the program, Mrs. E. A. Amidon.

After the group singing of "America, the Beautiful," Mrs. Martha Cope gave the toast to the husbands, with Harry Pinkerton responding.

Miss Reatha Sayrs pleased the audience with two clarinet solos, accompanied by Bonnie Peters.

Miss Barbara Leisz, English instructor in Moro high school, gave an interesting account of her experiences in Europe last summer.

Miss Vivian Truone presented 2 piano selections with her usual skill and pleasing manner.

The group was then treated to a Russian song and dance number given by Miss Frances Korytynovich, director of physical education for girls in The Dalles schools.

Serail Searcy showed his moving pictures of local people and several scenic spots of the northwest. Sandwiches, salad and coffee were served by the committee at a late hour.

## Fortner-Blake Nuptials Observed

The marriage of Miss Marjory Blake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ray Blake and Mr. Scott Fortner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fortner of Portland was solemnized the night of February fourth at an impressive candlelight ceremony at the home of the bride.

Mrs. Lloyd Hennigan of Moro sang preceding the ceremony and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, also of Moro played the wedding march.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a dainty dress of white silk net with finger tip net veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white bowardia, Calla lilies and sweet peas.

Mrs. Fred Wilkens, matron of honor, and sister of the groom, was attired in a dress of cerise chiffon. Miss Eleanor Ann Fortner, bridesmaid, also sister of the groom, wore a dress of deep blue chiffon. They carried bouquets of carnations and sweet peas.

Bruce Cattle of Portland, acted as best man.

A reception followed with Mrs. John Witt cutting the cake. Mrs. Fred Fortner presiding at the coffee urn. Mrs. Gerald Cunliff serving the ices. Misses Mary Reese, Rachel Poley, Margaret Maynard and Mrs. Francis Watkins assisting.

The young couple will reside in Hood River where Mr. Fortner is with the First National Bank.

Out of town guests present for the Blake-Fortner wedding Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fortner and daughters Eleanor Ann and Doris and Bruce Cattle of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Courtney, Johnnie Sell and Margaret Maynard of The Dalles.

## Local Boys' Calves Win Prizes

Word was received here this week that Bill McDonald won Grand Champion and Bob King the Reserve Grand Champion awards at the Ogden, Utah show. Bob entered a "Catch-it" contest winning a 400 lb calf and was also present with a calf for winning the Reserve Championship. He will bring the two calves home with him, selling the prize calf at Ogden. Bob also won second in a showmanship contest.

The boys are expected home soon winning honor and advertising for Oregon and Wasco and Sherman counties particularly. They are to be complimented upon their showing at these two shows.

## WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

| DATE               | MAX. | MIN. |
|--------------------|------|------|
| F. b.              | 2    | 33   |
| "                  | 2    | 33   |
| "                  | 4    | 39   |
| "                  | 5    | 40   |
| "                  | 6    | 41   |
| "                  | 7    | 38   |
| "                  | 8    | 31   |
| Total for the week |      | 53   |

## Rebekah Play Contest Is Well Attended

Many Local People Spend  
An Enjoyable Evening  
At The Plays and Dance

The three Rebekah plays presented Saturday evening in the Grass Valley auditorium attracted between four and five hundred people.

The Moro Lupine Rebekah lodge presented "The Glamour Lady," with the following cast: Mrs. Hardy, the glamour lady, (Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder) in whose modern living room the scene was laid. Jessie Hardy, the daughter, (Mrs. Freda Rice Fields); Mary Louise, a business woman, (Mrs. Hazel Truitt); Florence Caldwell, a society matron, (Mrs. Alice Conlee); Miss Lizzie Wright, a cook, (Mrs. Evelyn Ritter). The scene centered around the life of Mrs. Hardy, a very ambitious woman clamoring for social and political position without the mental capacity for either—thus finding herself in many entangled circumstances and bringing to mind the old saying that "Ignorance is Bliss."

The Wheatland Rebekah lodge of Kent presented "Mr. Fixit." The characters in order of their appearance on the stage were: Bridget, Ollie Helyer; Mrs. Howard, Floye von Borstel; Mr. Howard, Roy Barnett; Uncle Oscar, J. E. Norton; Susie Howard, Doris Wilson; Henry Holmes, alias Mr. Fixit, Myrtle Helyer. The scene opened in the Howard dining room with Bridget setting the table for breakfast, with Mr. and Mrs. Howard seated at the table, the problem of how to get rid of Uncle Oscar presented itself. He had come for a week end visit and had remained six months. Mr. Fixit was hired as a ghost to haunt Uncle Oscar, who in turn hired him to haunt his wife's brother who had driven him from his home. Mr. Fixit took the proceeds from the two jobs and married the Howard daughter with every one living happily ever after.

The Grass Valley Rebekahs presented "The Party at Koffenburger's," which was a surprise party given one cold and snappy winter evening for Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Koffenburger (Lester Smith and Clara Crook) the German vendor of sauer kraut and other groceries of the community. The scene opened with Crysalia (Georgia Blaylock) the hostess preparing the Koffenburger home for the occasion.

The guests arrived as follows: Charlie Tubbs (Edna Keel) the fair-skinned; Tilly, Milly, Lilly, Billy (Mesdames Maxine Baker, Helen Alley, Itha Davis, Julia Payne) the Maldis; Judd, Budd, Dudd, Rudd; (Mesdames Gladys Rolfe, Wanda Dunlap, Miss Virginia Helyer Margaret Schilling) dressed as boys, representing the maids boys friends; Mr. and Mrs. Jones (Mrs. Lester Barnum and Mrs. Clarence Oestreich) who entertained with jingles; Cynthia Biggs (Marie Smith) the giggler; the guests of honor Adolph and Katalina Koffenburger; Samuel and Lydia Binks (T. M. Rolfe and Sadie Alley) the stuttering Samuel having great difficulty keeping the deaf Lydia informed of what was being said; William Walkeven (Frank Bayen) with his mixed up poetry and leader of songs was the chief entertainer for the group.

Three Dalles residents were selected as judges, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Zell and Miss Doris Sexton, a past president of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon. Their judging was based on the following points: stage setting, 15; costuming and make-up, 15; reading of lines, 20; personal acting, 20; presentation 15; selection of play, 15; Kent 90 Moro 89.

Friday, February 10, the Rebekah lodges of The Dalles and Hood River districts will present their plays in competition as will the lodges of the Wheeler, Gilliam and Crook county district at some future date. The winners of the three districts will then compete against each other at a date and place to be set later.

## FORMER DEPUTY VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nahouse of The Dalles were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Johnson, stopping on their return trip from Grass Valley to see Mrs. Nahouse' brother, Lewis Olds, who suffered a stroke recently.

## Committees To Meet February 10

February 10th at 9:30 a. m., all members of the county and community committees will meet at the Court house in Moro for the purpose of going over certain features of the 1939 AAA program with a representative from the state AAA office. This is to be an all day meeting which will include the going over of farm plans which will be worked out by the committee in each district whereby every farmer will have a certain plan worked out with the operator individually in order that he will be fully and completely informed as to what activities he may adopt in order to be eligible for payment under the 1939 program.

## Accidents Caused By Slick Roads

The frost and ice on the highways this week end resulted in a few minor accidents.

George Wilcox collided with a truck on the main street intersection at the Foss corner, Friday damaging a fender and bending an axle on his car.

Jack Lawrence turned the Flatt pickup over last Saturday morning morning on the grade going into Antelope. A barrel of oil rolled over in the truck bed causing the truck to sway and in trying to straighten it out hit a slick place in the road diving into the bank and over; damaging the top and spraining the backs of Mr. Lawrence and his brother in law Mr. Beardsley, who was making the trip with him.

## LIBRARY BUILDING READY

It was moving day last week for a number of state departments assigned to quarters in the new library building. Included among the movers were the state library which will occupy most of the building; the department of education and the department of vocational education, which occupy quarters on the first floor and the World War Veterans State aid commission which occupies an entire wing on the top floor.

## Legislative Hi-Lights And Capitol Observations and Predictions

This legislature is somewhat like self energizing brakes only in reverse. It goes along for two or three weeks, or even four, with everyone being polite and feeling kindly toward every one else, keeping bills in committee as a personal favor, and then something happens. Someone remarks that it is about time this committee began sending some stuff out as it has been discussed enough, and every other committee does the same thing and things pop right and left and he who has bills galore is caught in the tide with enough work to keep the WPA busy for a month.

While there are many bills in both the house and senate there are few of major importance and as soon as these can be decided upon the folks back home can expect their legislators to appear on the streets again with the wrinkles still on their brows.

In importance these bills are the taxation measures which are designed to change the income, intangibles and excise tax so that they will be more in keeping with needs of modern times. Methods of collection are to be brought up to date and changed to meet modern accounting methods. Furthermore they are to be changed to relieve the intangible taxpayer who has little income. He will be given exemptions the same as the income tax payer and in fact, put in the same class, and then a surtax to be applied to intangible income will be put on so that the man who has a large income from intangibles will continue to pay a sizeable tax.

When that question is solved—and it is on the way to solution—there will be the problem of deciding how much money there is in the sock for relief and pension purposes.

Then it can be increased by additional taxes for the moderate increase in relief and pensions that will probably be possible under the budget made to suffice for another biennium.

Changes in the RUD law, amendments to the unemployment insurance law, perhaps a county man-

## 420,000 Bushels Of White Wheat Sold From County

Approximately Half of the  
Total to be Exported  
Came From Oregon

Sherman county farmers co-operating with the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation sold 420,000 bushels of white wheat for export under the allotment of 5,000,000 bushels of this wheat which was to come from Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho. All of the wheat in order to be eligible to move under this plan had to be under the crop loan and the farmers be in compliance with the AAA program. Umatilla county sold 1,250,000 bushels; Sherman county 420,000; Morrow county, 210,000; Gilliam county, 140,000 and Wasco county 125,000 bushels.

The totals for the state of Oregon were 2,330,000 bushels or approximately one-half of the total of the 5,000,000 bushels allotted to the three states, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Here again farmers in Oregon have shown government officials their willingness to cooperate in any program which tends to assist the producer in solving the problems which have come about through various conditions beyond their control, that affect the wheat situation particularly. Oregon stands high on the list among the states in the entire United States in cooperating with activities where such cooperation is necessary for progress.

One hundred and nineteen dollars have been taken in from the ticket sale for the President's ball so far, with eight organizations not yet heard from. Those organizations selling all or nearly all of the ten tickets mailed to them were: the Past Worthy Matrons club of the Eastern Star chapter at Wasco, Kent grange, Kent Legion and Auxiliary, Grass Valley Odd Fellows, and the Legion and Auxiliary of Moro. The expenses amounted to \$43.95, leaving \$75.05, 50 per cent of which is to remain in the county.

ger plan, these are other matters that will receive attention.

In the meantime there will be debate on minor matters and the house and senate orators will discourse long and sometimes loud about fish and pilots and salaries. A bill making it unlawful to have a female crawfish in ones possession—as well as uncomfortable—has been introduced and it may pass if the sponsors can tell the house members how to differentiate between the sexes of the crawfish when, in these days, they can hardly tell the difference among humans.

The bills to amend the education laws of the state so that a committee in each county can redistrict the county and to change the method of distributing the tax money to districts have been put in, but will need some change before being acceptable to many of the members who, in general, are favorable to the idea.

Salem weather has been rainy every day without many minutes of sunshine between showers and the Eastern Oregon members, who a month ago could be told by their brows needs, can now hardly be distinguished from their brothers from the valley and coast counties.

The soil conservation bill has at last been made ready and will be put in the hopper before the week is out in all probability. It will provide for soil conservation districts made up of owners of farm land with boards of directors with authority to work on land needing work and co-operate with the federal government or its agencies preventing soil erosion. It is not expected that any great amount of trouble will be experienced in passing it.